

Attorney Docket No: 1155-0241P  
Application No. 10/046,738  
Page 6

Claim 16 A daily use miscellaneous article comprising the injection molded article of claim 8.- -

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-16 remain pending after amendment.

#### Claim Amendments

By this amendment, editorial amendments are made in claims 1-4 and 6-10. New claims 11-16 are added which correspond to claims 9 and 10. No new matter is added by this amendment.

#### Allowability of Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance of claims 1-8. In view of the above amendments, it is believed that all pending claims are now allowable.

#### Objection to Claims

Claims 9 and 10 stand objected to on the ground that they are improper multiple dependent claims. In response, claims 9 and 10 are amended and new claims 11-16 added corresponding to claims 9 and 10.

Attorney Docket No: 1155-0241P  
Application No. 10/046,738  
Page 7


As a result of such amendments, the dependency of these claims is believed to be proper and the objection should be withdrawn.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Very truly yours,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By   
Raymond C. Stewart  
Reg. No. 21,066

RCS/JWH

P.O. Box 747  
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747  
(703) 205-8000

OFFICIAL

Attorney Docket No: 1155-0241P  
Application No. 10/046,738  
Page 8

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES**

The claims are amended as follows:

Claim 1 (Amended) An injection molding soft resin composition comprising:

(A) an ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer in an amount of 99 to 5 parts by weight, said copolymer comprising ethylene and an  $\alpha$ -olefin of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, and

(B) a thermoplastic elastomer composition in an amount of 1 to 95 parts by weight, said thermoplastic elastomer composition being obtained by dynamically heat treating a crystalline polyolefin resin (a) and an olefin copolymer rubber (b) in the presence of a crosslinking agent,

the total of said components (A) and (B) being 100 parts by weight,

wherein the ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer (A) has:

(i) a Shore A hardness [(JIS K 6253)] of 40 to 95 measured according to JIS K 6253,

(ii) a melt flow rate MFR<sub>2.16</sub> [(ASTM D 1238, 190°C, load of 2.16 kg)] of 1.0 to 100 g/10 min measured according to ASTM D 1238 at a load of 2.16 kg at 190°C, and

Attorney Docket No: 1155-0241P  
Application No. 10/046,738  
Page 9

(iii) a density [(ASTM D 1505)] of 855 to 900 kg/m<sup>3</sup> measured according to ASTM D 1505,

and

the thermoplastic elastomer composition (B) has:

(i) a gel content of 30 to 100 %, and

(ii) a Shore A hardness [(JIS K 6253)] of 40 to 95 measured according to JIS K 6253.

Claim 2 (Amended) The injection molding soft resin composition as claimed in claim 1, having a Shore A hardness [(JIS K 6253)] of 40 to 95 measured according to JIS K 6253 and a melt flow rate MFR<sub>2.16</sub> [(ASTM D 1238, 190°C, load of 2.16 kg)] of 1.0 to 100 g/10 min measured according to ASTM D 1238 under a load of 2.16 kg at 190°C.

Claim 3 (Amended) The injection molding soft resin composition as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], wherein the ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer (A) has:

(iv) a molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn), as determined by gel permeation chromatography (GPC), of 1 to 3, and

Attorney Docket No: 1155-0241P  
Application No. 10/046,738  
Page 10

(v) a ratio ( $MFR_{10}/MFR_{2.16}$ ) of a melt flow rate  $MFR_{10}$  g/10 min [ASTM D 1238, 190°C, load of 10 kg, g/10 min] measured according to ASTM D 1238 under a load of 10 kg at 190°C to the  $MFR_{2.16}$  (g/10 min) ranging from 5 to 20.

Claim 4 (Amended) The injection molding soft resin composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer (A) is a mixture of at least two different [two or more kinds of the] ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymers (A).

Claim 6 (Amended) The injection molded article as claimed in claim 5, [having been subjected to painting] which has been painted on the surface.

Claim 7 (Amended) The injection molded article as claimed in claim [6] 5, [having been subjected to] which has been provided with a color finish [with a paint] by painting, said color finish being provided [made] by coating the surface of the injection molded article [of claim 5] with a primer comprising a styrene elastomer resin having been graft polymerized with a

Attorney Docket No: 1155-0241P  
Application No. 10/046,738  
Page 11

monomer having an  $\alpha,\beta$ -monoethylenically unsaturated group and then [conducting the] painting the surface.

Claim 8 (Amended) The injection molded article as claimed in claim [6] 5, [having been subjected to] which has been provided with a color finish [with a paint] by painting, said color finish being provided [made] by coating the surface of the injection molded article [of claim 5] with a composition comprising a styrene elastomer resin having been graft polymerized with a monomer having an  $\alpha, \beta$ -monoethylenically unsaturated group [mixture of the primer of claim 7] and a photopolymerization initiator, subjecting the coated surface to UV treatment and then [conducting the] painting the surface.

Claim 9 (Amended) A toy comprising the injection molded article of [any one of claims 5 to 8] claim 5.

Claim 10 (Amended) A daily use miscellaneous article comprising the injection molded article of [any one of claims 5 to 8] claim 5.